

October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost



St. Timothy Presbyterian Church
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Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
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St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothypcusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Sebastian Temple

INTROIT

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord and bless His holy name.

Tell of His saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Let us worship the Lord our God!

HYMN *I Sing Praises to Your Name* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" # 623
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Allelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.
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OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:1-7

A TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN Kathey Turnbull

SPECIAL MUSIC "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore"

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22

INTERACTIVE SERMON "The Trap" Pastor Joel Puntigam

HYMN *O Lord, Your Tenderness* see insert

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Shorter Catechism*

Q33: What is justification?

A: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q34: What is adoption?

A: Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges, of the children of God.

Q35: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole person after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology # 625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray: To see Thee more clearly, Love Thee more dearly, Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN *In His Time* see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing; I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2*

Sunday, October 18th Following Along in Worship

1. Last week we learned that:
 - a. Sports curses are real
 - b. Many are invited to God's kingdom, but only a few say yes
 - c. God's party will include tacos and pizza. Coke, no Pepsi.
2. Every week we have announcements. Some given today include:
 - a. CROP Walk was super great. Thanks everyone!
 - b. All must prepare for an upcoming Cosmic showdown
 - c. Our talent show is today!
 - d. Communion will now include a side of fries
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Ultimate Showdown: Summer vs Winter
 - b. Give to God what belongs to God
 - c. The historical evidence for the resurrection
4. What gift or talent has God given you that you can use for him?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 22:15-22. Please circle all that are true:
 - a. Jesus was asked about quantum physics
 - b. Jesus was asked about paying taxes to the emperor
 - c. Jesus thought this was a terrific question
 - d. Jesus thought this was a hypocritical question
 - e. Jesus used an ant-eater to prove his point
 - f. Jesus first asked whose head was on a coin
 - i. It was the head of Willy Wonka
 - ii. It was the head of the emperor's
 - g. Jesus told them to pay taxes because the money was the emperor's – to give to him what was due.
 - h. But he also told them to overthrow the emperor
 - i. Actually, he also told them to give to God the things that belonged to God.

Serving in Worship

Greeter:	Janet Richardson
Ushers:	Youth
Bulletins:	Ron Martin
Worship Assistant:	Mitchell Sautter
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Tim Chanko
Tellers:	TBD
Fellowship Hour:	Potluck and Talent Show

Weekly Bible Studies

Afterglow Bible Study – *See you Sunday, October 25 at 12:00 pm*

In Room 16. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

The Word Together Zoom Bible Study Tuesday – *See you at 1:30 pm.* We continue our study on Romans.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – *at 9:30 am*

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on October 25 – Matthew 22:34-46.



Chancel Flowers



In memory of my friend Pat, never forgotten.

Kathey Turnbull

The **2026** Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. **Last open date is November 8.** Consider honoring a special person or event. Also, the flowers add a pop of color which is always nice.

The 2027 Flower Chart will be up soon.



Birthdays:

No birthdays this week

Anniversaries:

October 21

Jim and Sue Pease (41 years)

October 23

Scott & Cassy Sautter (27 years)



Sunday, October 18 – Talent show during Fellowship Hour

Saturday, October 24 – Session Retreat

Sunday, November 8 – Stewardship Sunday

Saturday, November 14 – Another Day Resource Fair

Monday, November 18 – Life Line Screening

Friday, November 20 & Saturday, November 21 – Project Days

Wednesday, November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

Friday, November 27 – Hanging of the Greens



COC has a craft day in November and they are looking for folks to help. St. Timothy is hosting. Wednesday, November 4th 10:30 am. Questions? Please reach out to Mary Baum.



Today is the deadline to order St. Timothy T-Shirts! Place your orders with Matt Johnson, Linda Houghtby, Dorothy Sanchez or Karlane Belaire. Shirts are \$15 and are blue with White Lettering. Shirts say St. Timothy on the front and have the mission statement on the back. Payment is due at the time of delivery. A few extra shirts will be ordered and available first come first serve.



The Oakland County Foster Closet is in critical need of coats for the winter. Please consider helping them fulfill this need. In addition to helping foster children and teens, they support families in desperate need or in crisis situations. The coats can be gently used. We are collecting through the end of October, please give coats to Mary or Patty K.

Sizes needed are:

Girls- 10-18

Boys- 8-18

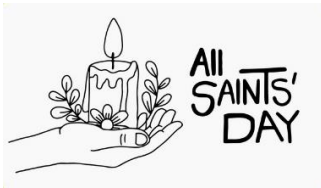
Women's- M-2x

Men's- Sm-2x



Warming Tree

Our warming tree is once again located in the Narthex. All items are welcome, whether made by hand or purchased. Thank you to the STARS for setting it up. The tree will be available to receive donations until Sunday, December 6. We live in a cold winter climate and many people have to be outdoors. Hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks are getting expensive but are so necessary to keep warm in a Michigan winter. Items are needed for all ages. If you have a need, please help yourself. If you are able to donate, thank you. The kid items will be donated to Oakland County Foster Closet and the adult items will be donated to Another Day Resource. Thank you from your Deacons.



On Sunday, November 1st, St Timothy will remember the saints that have gone before us with a special commemoration during worship. I will be announcing the names of those from St Timothy who have died within the last three years, and you are invited to submit to me the names of any friend or family member that have died at any point in the past so that they may be announced as well. The deadline for names is Thursday, October 29th. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved one during the commemoration. If you have any questions, please reach out to me – thank you!

Blessings,
Pastor Joel



*Land of the free
because of the brave*

On Sunday, November 15th, we will be celebrating our Veterans! There will be a PowerPoint full of Veterans who have served, which will play before worship, after worship, and during fellowship hour. There will also be a special fellowship hour in honor of those who have served. For those who have served, you are welcome to wear your uniform to worship and fellowship! If you would like yourself or a close family member to be remembered in the PowerPoint presentation, please submit a picture, their name, rank, and where they served to the office by Wednesday, November 11th. Thank you!

Peace,
Pastor Joel

St Timothy PCUSA October 2026 Session Highlights

Devotional

Pastor Joel led a discussion on Psalms 27:7, emphasizing Joy in suffering and Trust in His promises.

Hearing Enhancement

After researching Bluetooth solutions, the Session decided to try the earpieces we already have. Look for an announcement soon.

St Andrews Funds Update

The Presbytery of Detroit sent our bank \$ from the sale of the St Andrews church in Dearborn Heights. Part of the money has been used to pay off the complete new roof that is being installed. The rest will go into our investment account. What a blessing to receive such a gift!

New Work Group – Food/Housing challenged people

The workgroup is chaired by Pastor Joel. We have met twice and spent around 3 hours of work. We got a lot done. We are planning to present these guidelines to Session in November or December. Elder Mary Baum has done a lot of work in preparing lists of resources for housing, food, and transportation in our general area.

Trip to Israel

The Session has approved the sponsoring of a trip to Israel in 2028. Many of the travel companies have paused trips due to the war with Iran.

Strategic Planning - Church Survey

Elder Greg Kateff and committee have completed the church survey. They prepared a binder with the results. The Session is having a day retreat at St Timothy on October 24th to discuss the results and work on a Vision statement. Thank you to all who filled out the survey.

Finance

Thank you to all who have given to the ministries here at St Timothy. You make all the difference with your steadfast giving. We are \$7,100 ahead of plan!

Properties

Well, you can leave your raincoats at home. We have a brand-new shingled roof without leaks. The flat roof work will begin very shortly. You will notice a better view of our church from Newburgh Road. One of the last storms this summer left a large oak with a split in the trunk. The tree was removed with a cost of \$3,500. The atomic men's toilet has finally been replaced with a normal flushing toilet.

Mission & Outreach

The Mission Outreach committee has donated \$250 toward the ADRC (Another Day Resource Center) to repair their bus. The cost to repair the bus is over \$2,000. The committee has decided to pause the Halloween Trunk or Treat event this year. The Session approved the Faith Circle collecting gently used coats for the Oakland County Foster Closet. See Elder Mary Baum for any questions.

Worship

On All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1st , the names of all those who have passed will be read aloud. Our Wholeness & Healing Service will be on Sunday, October 25th.

Faith Ed

The committee announced that they will be providing some Interactive Advent Calendars this year.

Member Care

Deacon Karlane Belaire shared that the Deacons were actively supporting a number of members with ongoing health challenges. The Warming Tree has been placed again this year. We are working to try and replace the lights that are out. We are looking for warm items that will help keep people warm this winter. We will once again go out and sing Christmas carols to those who are home bound.

Pastor Joel

Our Pastor Joel has had a busy month. He is recovering from surgery while his father continues to recover from surgery.
Submitted by

Dennis Delezenn
Clerk of Session

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 10/18	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Potluck and Talent Show</i>
Monday 10/19	5:30 PM	TOPS
	6:00 PM	<i>Deacons via Zoom</i>
Tuesday 10/20	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	1:30 PM	<i>The Word Together Zoom Bible Study</i>
		https://study.sttimothypcusa.org
	6:30 PM	Nominating and Personnel
Wednesday 10/21	6:30 PM	Strategic Planning
	7:00 PM	<i>Total Surrender Brotherhood</i>
Thursday 10/22	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	5:55 PM	<i>Handbell Rehearsal</i>
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday 10/23		
Saturday 10/24	All Day	Session Retreat
Sunday 10/25	9:30 AM	Handbell Rehearsal
	9:45 AM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothypcusa.org
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Afterglow Bible Study

Upcoming Fellowship Hours

10/25 – Anything Goes

11/1 – Favorite friend/family recipe

11/8 – Finance

11/15 – Veterans Celebration Potluck

I Sing Praises to Your Name

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord,
praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;*

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord,
praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised;*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord,
glory to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

*I give glory to your name, O Lord,
glory to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great and greatly to be praised.*

O Lord, Your Tenderness

*O Lord, your tenderness,
melting all my bitterness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness,
changing my unworthiness;
O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, I receive your love;
O Lord, I receive your love.*

In His Time

*In his time, in his time;
he makes all things beautiful in his time.
Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way,
that you do just what you say in your time.*

*In your time, in your time;
you make all things beautiful in your time.
Lord, my life to you I bring;
may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.*



Dates for the Fall/Christmas Detroit Lutheran concerts are available. Matt Johnson sings in this group. Please consider attending an event to support him.

10/24/26 7:00 PM Church of the Divine Child, 1055 North Silvery Lane, Dearborn, MI 48128

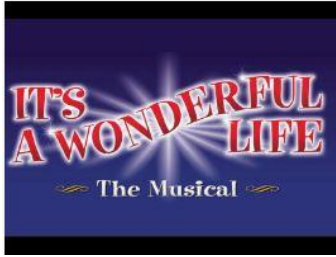
10/25/26 3:00 PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

12/5/26 7:00 PM First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn 600 Brady Rd. Dearborn, MI 48124

12/6/26 3:00 PM Historic Trinity Lutheran Church 1345 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, MI 48226

12/11/26 7:30 PM Our Shepherd Lutheran Church 2225 E. 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009

12/12/26 7:00 PM Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Rd. Livonia, MI 48154



Based on the beloved film, this musical follows George Bailey's life from his childhood dreams to his midlife disappointments and beyond, to see whether his life has mattered at all. Cinematically scored and theatrically staged, this adaptation breathes musical life into a familiar and timeless holiday story. Tim Chanko will be playing Uncle Billy

12/3/2026 – 7:30 pm

12/4/2026 – 7:30 pm

12/5/2026 – 7:30 pm

12/6/2026 – 3:00 pm

Tickets: \$19 - \$27 including fees

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36533>

To order tickets by phone, call 734/394-5300.



Save the Date! The Farmington Chorus presents Christmas at the Movies. Cassy Sautter will again perform with the small group, Perfect Blend. Cassy will share ticket information as soon as it is available.

Christmas at the Movies!

- Friday, December 18th at 8 pm
- Saturday, December 19th at 4 pm